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## REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application and in response to the Official Action of April 29, 2005.

Record is also made of an interview between applicant's representative and the Examiner which took place on July 12, 2005. The Examiner is thanked for his help and assistance as well as for the courtesies extended to Counsel at that time. During the course of the interview, the present application was extensively discussed in light of the final rejection of claim 1 and on the basis of a proposal for changes to claim 1 which have been faxed to the Examiner beforehand.

The Examiner agreed that the subject matter of proposed claim 1 appears to be distinguishable over the prior art of record; however, an updated search is needed to make a final determination about patentability of independent claim 1.

As a result of the interview, applicant now submits the proposed amendments to claim 1 which are drawn up in accordance with the agreement at the interview so as to overcome the rejection to claim 1 as set forth in the Examiner's Official Action of April 29, 2005.

In addition, applicant submits herewith a new independent claim 10 which sets forth which recites more particularly that the control signals are the only signals that control the operation of the at least one machine tool or production machine, and that the bidirectional traffic operates in such a way that the ultrathin client transmits the control signals from the handheld device to the ultrathin client

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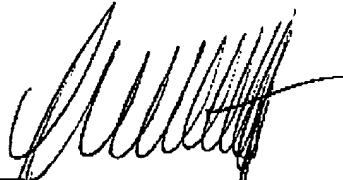
and transmit data from the ultrathin client to the handheld device. This expresses more clearly that the ultrathin client does not *per se* control the machine.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is considered patentably differentiated over the prior art of record and believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are thus respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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